



**VENTURA COUNTY
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 –Simi Room

MEETING MINUTES

I. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present:

Opra Ashur –Ventura County Behavioral Health
Matt Benitez –Public Defender
Linda Calvin –Conejo Valley Unified SD –VC SARB Chairperson
Teresa Cortez –Moorpark Unified School District
Seleta Dobrosky –Ventura County Public Health
Phyllis Franco –Public Health
Ray Gonzalez –Oxnard Unified High School District
Lori Marston –Ocean View School District
Vida Martinez –Ventura Unified School District
Wendy Mayea –Simi Valley Unified School District
Ken McDermott –CFS
Stew McGugan –Oak Park Unified School District
Laurel McWaters –District Attorney’s Office
Yvonne Pampalone –District Attorney’s Office
Jenna Pujol –Gateway
Jose Ramirez –OVSD
Chris Ridge –Oxnard School District
Juan Santos –Conejo Valley Unified School District
Stef Sisman –Ocean View School District (Retired)
Carrie Therault –Probation Agency
Ralph Velarde –VCOE
Irma Villanueva –Hueneme Elementary School District
George Williams –Santa Paula Unified School District

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

III. **KIDS ON THE MOVE** – J.S., Oxnard Elementary and J.M., Simi Valley

IV. **CORRECTIONS** – No minutes taken for the month of October

V. **AGENCY REPORTS**

- **VC District Attorney's Office**

It was reported that there has been a large number cancellations of SARBs. Cases filed against parents can either be filed as misdemeanors or infractions. Rather than going to trial, parents can plead guilty and receive no fines. However, they will be subject to periodic reviews to monitor attendance. If students do not improve, parents will be taken back to court and fined. Periodic reviews take place about three times throughout the school year, parents will go back to court and provide proof of attendance. Please note that it is not in lieu of SARB.

- **VC Probation**

Nothing new to report.

- **VC Public Health**

New THRIVE nurse will be attending SARBs with Carrie, she is currently being oriented. Reminder: flu season is upon us, take precautions to protect yourself.

- **Interface** –No one in attendance

- **Gateway Community School**

Nothing new to report.

- **Behavioral Health**

Nothing new to report.

- **Public Defender**

Nothing new to report.

- **Human Services** –No one in attendance

VI. **Presentation**

- DrumBus
 - Beat the Odds is an evidence-based social and emotional skill building program delivered in a framework of drumming. It integrates activities from group drumming and group counseling to build core social-emotional strengths such as: focus and listening, self-esteem, empathy, expressing feelings, and empathy.

VII. VC SARB CONTACT AND INFORMATION

- Review the SARB roster for accuracy
- VC Truancy referral and prosecution program brochure was provided

VIII. TRAININGS/ WORKSHOPS/ RESOURCES

- 11th Annual Special Populations Conference will be held on November 9th at VCOE
- Annual Legislative Update will be held on December 7th at VCOE
- Trauma Informed Practices for Schools, see handout for dates as there are a series, please note that October and December registrations are closed
- Beyond the Bench will be held on December 18th -20th in San Diego
- The Civil Rights Project
 - This report by UCLA is the first to analyze California's school discipline data as measured by days of missed instruction due to suspension

IX. CDE/ DATA QUEST

- Truancy and Discipline data from 2016-2017 is now available on DataQuest

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on December 13, 2017.